



Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission
Office of the Stewards

Stewards Report – 2019 Post Racing Season Delaware Park November 18, 2019 thru November 22, 2019

Monday:

Received a call from a licensee regarding a held purse from October 5th. 31 business days since participation. Sent JFW an email with his # for contact. John Wayne called Fritz Burkhardt and asked him to call Julie Hagihara at the lab for clarification on sample status #14210. Per authorization, I called Julie Hagihara to get a status update. The clearance will be released today. Called Mr. Gilhooly and left a message with that information.

Final preparation for the Pecoraro/Neilson hearing @ 2:00 PM.

Received a telephone call from Jake Secor, relative to a hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Legal representation is unavailable due to a previously arranged court appearance. Requested a continuance and we offered Thursday or Friday this week. He is to contact his attorney for availability. Further advised that the lawsuit was settled with the owner two (2) weeks ago. Vazquez hearing is still viable at 10:00 AM.

Owner, Lucerito Garcia hearing tomorrow, Tuesday @ 1:00 PM will be conducted telephonically. Stewards' have authorized that request due to her work schedule/location in Philadelphia. Pecoraro/Neilson hearing @ 2:00-2:55 PM. Follow-up with reference's tomorrow prior to decision.

Tuesday

Held a hearing for Trainer, Juan Vazquez @ 10:00 AM regarding "submission of false information" dating back to 2015. After hearing all testimony, the Stewards' find that Mr. Vazquez has no liability in this matter. The horse in question was not in his care, custody and control.

Held a hearing for Owner, Lucerito Garcia-Colin @ 1:00 PM regarding the death of Indy's Quick Image. Any and all records as owner of this horse could not be provided, as she "paid cash" for Veterinary treatment by Dr. Amy Warren. Final adjudication/narrative tomorrow.

Reviewed status and notification of two (2) positive samples from 10/03/19 and 10/05/19.

Consultation with Deputy AG Oliver Cleary in preparation of appeal hearing on Wednesday.



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Wednesday:

Pre-commission meeting counsel with Oliver Cleary, witnesses and the Board of Stewards'.
Commission meeting from 10:05 AM, until approximately 2:30 PM.

Composed a reinstatement ruling for Scott Powell pursuant to the overturned Stewards' decision at today's Commission meeting.

Thursday:

Pending suspension rulings for two (2) licensee's that participated on expired affidavits have been avoided. Both licensees', have complied by fulfilling their licensing requirements.

Composed/finalized four rulings to clean-up the 2019 meet before departure.

Met with DTRC Chairman, regarding the status of continued employment in 2019.

Friday:

Composed and finalized one final ruling. Called trainer Pecoraro for notification of a suspension, to afford him the opportunity to settle his affairs. Left a voicemail. Mr. Pecoraro returned the Stewards' call and was informed his suspension will start on Monday, November 25, 2019. He conveyed his intention to appeal our decision.

Owner, David Neilson was called and informed of Stewards' decision. He informed, he intended to appeal.

Trainer Anthony Pecoraro and Owner David Neilson appeared in the Stewards office for their written rulings. They were both offered Appeal Forms and Executive Director John F. Wayne granted their stay(s) until April 15, 2020.

Several telephone calls with Equine Dentist, Bruno Favre and Trainer, Hubert Gaffney regarding a financial agreement executed in our office on November 6, 2019. Mr. Gaffney has not fulfilled his obligation for the 1st payment. I was emailed a FedEx tracking # and tracked the payment to arrive by end of business 11/23/19. Called Mr. Favre to relay that information and supplied him my personal cell if he does not fulfill over the winter. Explained to him that he could seek the Stewards help in Tampa if needed.

Issued a suspension for Jake Secor for "Failure to Appear" in a Stewards hearing on 11/19/19. This suspension is in effect until he appears before the Board of Stewards'.

Packed personal belongings, and pertinent administrative files prior to departure.

Tony Langford
DTRC State Steward